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In re Patent Application of)	
Ming Bo WANG et al.)	Group Art Unit:
Application No.: TBA)	Examiner:
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For: Efficient Gene Silencing in Plants)	
Using Short dsRNA Sequences)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the referenced application, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows: